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1. (Unclassified - GLC) Talked to Mr. Ralph Burr, OMB, about S. 1887 and H. R. 8371, the bills introduced by Senator Church and Representative Badillo to amend the National Security Act to preclude the Agency from engaging in paramilitary-type activities. Burr appeared not to be aware of either of these bills, but when I explained them to him he felt that departments and agencies should not be too eager to respond to committee requests for views (since the committees were not pressing). He does feel, however, that both we and State Department should be developing a position against the bills which we should send to him for review in anticipation of developing an Administration view. Although I attempted to discourage it Burr seems to be of the opinion that the Agency should be the Administration's spokesman on this legislation since it deals directly with us. I agreed, however, this might be a topic for discussion by the Legislative Interdepartmental Group.

2. (Unclassified - GLC) Checked with the House Internal Security Committee staff and verified that Al Solomon, who had requested the FBIS Latin America Area Book, is a new member of the staff. Solomon is an investigator who has come to the Committee from the FBI.



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7. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Robert Hull, Department of State, called in connection with a letter written to the Secretary from [redacted] [redacted] a former employee of Radio Liberty who has been unsuccessful in the past in his attempt to have his service with Radio Liberty added to his former service credit with the Department of State so that he can qualify for a retirement annuity. Hull wanted to know our views on the prospects for remedial legislation such as had been earlier suggested by Senator Clifford Case (R., N.J.) to extend Federal employee benefits to the employees of the Radios. I referred Hull to the Administration's legislative proposal for continuing the Radios and maintaining their private character and suggested he might want to contact Assistant Secretary Abshire. Hull said he would do this. He also said that there was some sympathy within the Department for [redacted] position and singled out in this connection a [redacted] who worked in the area of European political affairs. [redacted], OGC, and [redacted] CA, were advised.

Mr. Hull asked if we had finished our review of the Omnibus Foreign Service Retirement Act amendments he had sent us. I told him that we were just about completed with our review and expect to get our report to OMB by the end of the week. He said he hoped we would not come up with anything that would complicate or delay progress in getting the legislation to the Hill (see Memorandum for the Record).

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